



RMC Legislative Committee Meeting
January 23, 2023
2:00 pm to 3:00 pm
Zoom Teleconference
Agenda

Invited participants: Members of the RMC Legislative Committee
Lindsay Thompson, RMC Legislative Committee Co-Chair
Chris Benzing, RMC Legislative Committee Co-Chair
Charlotte Davis, Executive Director

- I. Welcome and Introductions
- II. Review of January 9, 2023 Meeting Minutes
- III. Session Updates
 - a. MDA Budget Hearing February 17 and 20, 2023
- IV. 2023 Bill Tracking
 - a. SB0181/HB0200: Budget Bill (Fiscal Year 2024) – Sponsored by The President and The Speaker (By Request – Administration). In the Senate First Reading Budget and Taxation. In the House First Reading Appropriations. *Staff Recommendation: Support*
 - b. SB0034: Department of Agriculture – State Ombudsman for Value-Added Agriculture. Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee. Sponsored by Senator Hester. Status: Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee – Hearing 1/25, 1:00pm. *Staff Recommendation: Support*
 - c. SB0059/HB0107: Maryland Health Benefit Exchange – Small Employers – Special Enrollment Period and Marketing. Sponsored by Senator Hester/Delegated R. Lewis. Status: Senate Finance Committee, hearing 2/1 at 1:00pm/ House Health & Government Operations Committee, hearing 2/16 at 1:00pm. *Staff Recommendation: Monitor*
 - d. SB0081: Labor and Employment – State Minimum Wage Rate – Acceleration (Fight for Fifteen Acceleration Act of 2023). Sponsored by Senator Waldstreicher. Status: In the Senate – First Reading, Finance Committee. *Staff Recommendation: Monitor*
 - e. SB0094: Income Tax – Subtraction Modification – Volunteer Fire, Rescue, and Emergency Medical Services. Sponsored by Senator Jackson. Status: Budget and Taxation Committee, Hearing 1/19 at 1:00pm. *Staff Recommendation: Support*
 - f. SB0103: Income Tax – Maryland Residential Solar Investment Tax Credit. Sponsored by Senator Ellis. Status: Budget and Taxation Committee, Hearing 1/19 at 1:30pm. *Staff Recommendation: Monitor*
 - g. SB0121: More Opportunities for Career – Focused Students Act of 2023. Sponsored by Senator Rosapepe. Status: Education, Energy, and the Environment, Hearing 1/24 at 2:00pm *Staff Recommendation: Support*

- h. SBO124/HB0032: Maryland Food System Resiliency Council. Sponsored by Senator Hester/Delegate Charkoudian. Status: Senate – Education, Energy, and the Environment, Hearing 1/25 at 1:00pm. House: Environment and Transportation Committee, Hearing 2/01 at 2:00pm. *Staff Recommendation: Support*
- i. HB0011: Private Well Safety Act of 2023. Sponsored by Delegate Stewart. Status: Environment and Transportation Committee, Hearing 2/1 at 2:00pm. *Staff Recommendation: Monitor*
- j. HB0063: Certified Local Farm and Chesapeake Invasive Species Provider Program – Establishment. Sponsored by Delegate Charkoudian. Status: Health and Government Operations Committee, Hearing 2/15 at 1:00pm. *Staff Recommendation: Support*
- k. HB0152: Department of Agriculture – Urban Agriculture Grant Fund. Sponsored by Delegate Wells. Status: Environment and Transportation Committee, hearing 2/9 at 1:30pm. *Staff Recommendation: Support*

V. Potential Legislation

- a. Rural Communities Improvement Act of 2023 Update
- b. State Coordinating Committee on Health and Human Services Transportation Update
- c. Broadband Office of Digital Equity

VI. Other

- a. RMC Upcoming Events
 - i. Legislative Lunch, Friday, January 27, 2023
 - ii. Rural Maryland Day, Thursday, February 9, 2023
 - iii. Maryland Day, Friday, March 24, 2023

VII. Adjourn

Next Meeting: Monday, February 6, 2023, 2pm-3pm, Zoom Teleconference